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Santa's little helpers



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark Waverek, station postal officer, rumbles into the Hornet's Nest with 52 other motorcycles to kick off the first official day of the Toys for Tots drive. This was the second annual Toys for Tots motorcycle run aboard the air station that drew more than four clubs. Page 5



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Students from M.C. Perry High School sing Christmas carols during the Festival of Lights Dec. 1.

Festival of Lights brightens holiday season

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson Torii Teller Staff

Station residents gathered at Cherry Blossom Triangle, for the annual Festival of lights Dec. 1.

With a countdown from five by the crowd, the night came to life with the warm glow of Christmas lights strung on every available branch. Following the lighting, the music, raffles and celebration began.

"The best part of the Festival of Lights is the community coming together and enjoying the holidays," said Alex Perkins, Marine Corps Community Services special events coordinator. "It makes us feel like a community."

The atmosphere was that of a small town back in the United States. Children sat atop shoulders wearing Santa hats while listening to traditional Christmas songs sung by M.C. Perry students and other choir groups made up of community mem-

"I hung out with my friends and listened to the choir sing," said Kristin Fontanilla, M.C. Perry sixth grader. "I liked the singing because it makes the festival more enjoyable.

Throughout the night, gift certificates for \$50 to \$250 were raffled off. Some went to children and some went to adults. The raffle item all the adults waited for was the round trip ticket to anywhere in the United States.

Although there were only a few adults who walked away with prizes, a large group of children that got exactly what they wanted -- Santa.

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Tight election teaches us all valuable lesson

by Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger Marine Forces Pacific Sergeant Major

CAMPH.M. SMITH, Hawaii – Active duty military personnel who choose to get inappropriately involved in civilian politics of our nation could find themselves in "hot water."

For example, a few years ago an active duty Marine officer learned that talking trash (via email) about our president publicly, resulted in him being punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Our president, regardless of his political affiliation, is our commander in chief who we are to be unquestionably loyal. Our unquestioned loyalty and commitment to our president and commander in chief is not to that individual personally, but rather to the office.

It doesn't matter if our nation's leader is a Republican or Democrat, is or isn't pro military, or is or isn't in favor of a pay raise for us.

Every military member has sworn an oath to be faithful to the individual elected to lead us. And as long as that person holds office, they will have unquestioned loyalty from those of us still in

It's no different than our (as individual Marines) not having a choice in obeying only Marine Corps policies we like. We follow them all! Nor can we choose which battles and wars we will fight. Our commander in chief and other elected officials make those critical decisions, and we carry out our orders.

Our main concern as Marines should be that when the "911 phone rings," we are well trained and ready to respond to the call. And we will complete whatever mission is given to us by our president to the highest standards our country expects from Marines.

Every four years Americans may exercise their constitutional right to vote a president into office. Personally, I would like to think it's our individual duty and obligation to take part in deciding whom we place in charge of our lives and well-being.

The important thing is that we (all Americans) decided to exercise our right and participate in the election process.

It's so easy to sit back and throw darts at those elected individuals in charge of our government. They make easy targets for our criticism when they make unpopular decisions affecting our loved ones and us.

Many of us think how bad this or that politician is for whatever government position they take that we don't agree with, yet many of us didn't bother to cast a vote for the candidate we believed to be best for the position in question.

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Corps News

11th MEU pulls together during humanitarian assistance training

by Sgt. Eric McLeroy 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit

MCB CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Marines of 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, commanded by Col. Charles S. Patton, took a step toward warfighting preparedness Nov. 9, after completing its first at-sea training event, the Comprehensive Training While Underway Exercise, in preparation for a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf Region next year.

During the two-week event, Marines boarded the three ships of Amphibious Squadron 7 and conducted missions in preparation for their Special Operations Capable certification. A Humanitarian Assistance Operation was among the list and was conducted Nov. 4, at the 25 Area Combat Town here.

During this training exercise, "we hoped to accomplish the successful integration of (Battalion Landing Team 2/1's) security element and MEU Service Support Group 11," said Capt. Mimi Cottrell, HAO site commander. "This was the first time all the elements came together to train. It was a learning experience."

The MEU's Major Supporting Elements, BLT 2/ 1, MSSG-11, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 (reinforced) along with the 11th MEU



photo by Sgt. Eric McLerov

Petty Officer 3rd class Ronald Baldo, hospitalman, Health Services Detachment, MSSG-11, listens to a diagnosis given by the MSSG-11's chief surgeon during a simulated Humanitarian Assistance Operation.

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Safety stressed during holidays

by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare Torii Teller Staff

Christmas trees, lights and presents are all part of the excitement of the upcoming holidays, but with them comes an increased chance of mishaps due to negligence and improper safety procedures.

During the Christmas season, residents must be especially careful with decorations around the house, to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday, said Philip Avery, MCAS Iwakuni fire chief.

"Many precautions must be taken around Christmas time," he said. "When putting up Christmas trees and holiday lights, there are many things to consider."

According to Avery, before bringing a tree into the house, there

are many conditions for people to think about.

"Make sure you look at a tree carefully before purchasing," said Avery. "Rub your hand over the limbs of the tree, if a lot of bristles fall off of it, that means the tree is very dry and may be a fire hazard."

"Also bend the limbs; each should be flexible and not snap off in your hand. Look for any discoloration and ensure the tree is flame retardant," he said.

Once a tree is selected, an additional cut should be made one-inch above the original cut on the bottom of the tree. This ensures the tree will absorb water and remain fresh as long as possible, said Avery.

According to Devin Johnston-Lee, assistant fire chief, once a tree is brought into the house, it should be placed in a sturdy stand and given water every day to stay moist.

Trees should be placed away from doorways to ensure all exits are not blocked in case of an emergency, and away from heating devices such as propane and electric heaters.

While decorating the Christmas tree, lighting can be a major hazard if not strung properly and checked thoroughly.

"Before hanging up lights, make sure the wires don't have any short circuits," said Lee. "Check every bulb and make sure you use small indoor lights — bigger bulbs produce more heat and can lead to fire."

When plugging in lights, it is recommended to use a multi-plug extension cord with a circuit breaker inside.

"Many people try to connect too much juice to one outlet," said Avery. "Most outlets can only hold two strings of lights per plug, anything more is a safety risk."

Residents are also encouraged to keep anything flammable far away from the Christmas tree and never leave anything burning unattended.

"Many people during the holidays like to make a wreath and put a candle inside it for decoration," said Avery. "This is a huge fire hazard. Most Christmas trees have the same flammability as a stack of newspapers. Once a tree catches fire, it burns in about five minutes."

By following these simple safety precautions, people can avoid having any tragedies during the holiday season.

"It's better to be Christmas smart," said Avery. "Common sense can save lives, and ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday season for everyone."

Unathorized access on flight line posses hazard

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson Torii Teller Staff

Individuals aboard the air station, who are still taking shortcuts across the flight lines, have been the cause of a few near misses here.

Flight line access continues to be a concern of the station and airfield operations.

"A lot of the problem is people taking shortcuts to work," said Gunnery Sgt. Kieth Johnson, airfield operations noncommissioned officer-incharge. "People who work at Marine Aircraft Group 12 or Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12, that need to get to the other side of the station, need to use the perimeter road and not cut across the flight line."

The flight line covers two areas. The aircraft parking areas in front of the station and deployed squadrons cover the first area. The second is in front of the air terminal. All other areas are taxi-



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

The only people who should be on the flight line are those dealing with aircraft.

ways and runways.

If it is necessary for an individual to drive on the flight line, they must complete the airfield indoctrination course provided by Crash Fire Rescue

People who may need the class are those delivering aviation supplies to the squadrons. Even though they have the stamp on their license to drive on the flight line, they must call airfield operations before heading out.

"Just because you have that class doesn't authorize you to be on the flight line," Johnson said. "You need to have a flight line pass issued by us at airfield operations."

Some of the hazards people and vehicles may encounter on the flight line are taxiing aircraft, jet and prop wash and noise.

"Mostly it's the people who aren't familiar with the air field and don't stop to think about taxiing aircraft," Johnson said. "Even the aircraft out there have to call airfield operations to move."

All commands to move on the flight line and runway come from the tower via radio. Driving without authorization from the tower, may put a vehicle in the path of an aircraft.

Bicycles, mopeds and personal vehicles are not allowed on the flight line. Only vehicles that are allowed flight line access are those with the appropriate flight line pass displayed in its window.

According to Johnson, there have not been any incidents on the flight line, but there have been some close calls in the past.

"Situational awareness is a big thing out there," Johnson said. "One minute you could be walking along, and the next minute there is an airplane taxiing toward you."

For more information on the airfield indoctrination class call Crash Fire Rescue training at 253-6412.

News Briefs

MMEA Visit

The Headquarters Enlisted Assignment Branch (MMEA) will visit MCAS Iwakuni Monday. Briefings will be provided to help Marines acquire a basic knowledge and understanding of the functions and assets available at HQMC. It will also cover command, career and first term briefs to assist Marines with their future career options.

Torii Teller

The Torii Teller will not be published Dec. 22 and 29, due to the Holiday season. The first paper after the new year will be published Jan. 5.

Holiday Light Policy

Holiday lighting will be allowed until Jan. 8, 2001. All lights and lighted decorations must be turned off by 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and midnight, Friday and Saturday. All lighted decorations should be off when quarters or office space is unattended lights may be left on all night Dec. 24 and 31. Before light instillation, lights should be inspected and ensure electrical sockets are not cracked.

Postal Deadlines

For packages to reach their destination in time for Christmas, the last date for Priority mail is Monday, Express mail can be sent up to Dec. 18.

MALS-12 Ordnance, keeping fighters fighting

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson Torii Teller Staff

Pilots and their aircraft may get munitions on target, but it's the Marines of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 Ordnance working behind the scenes who ensure the tools are available and operational.

There are four sections, within MALS-12 Ordnance, that work together to supply station combat squadrons with the weapons needed to carry out their air-to-air and air-to ground missions.

The gun and rack sections provide the means to launch ordnance, while the munitions and aviation stock reporting sections provide the raw materials – bombs, missiles and rounds.

"The gun shop maintains 20 and 25 mm gun systems and support equipment," said Sgt. Chris Williamson, MALS-12 gun shop work center supervisor. "These types of systems belong to the variety of fighter attack aircraft here."

Each system is tested, wrapped up and set aside for the squadrons, in case a system needs to be replaced. Each fighter squadron then picks up the system for use.

If the mission requires more than putting rounds down range, then the rack shop helps the fast movers put bombs and missiles on target.

The rack shop has 14 special mounting systems that hold each kind of ordnance or equipment in place under the wings or fuselage of the aircraft.

"We repair and troubleshoot aviation armament equipment, pylons, bomb racks and missile launchers," said Sgt. Josh Martin, work center supervisor. "We're the link for anything explosive on the bird."

Once these systems are in place and working properly, it takes another section to arm them.

"The munitions section is responsible for all the ordnance needs of the squadrons here," said Staff Sgt. Dean Jacobs, aviation ordnance systems technician. "Munitions issues all aviation ordnance to the squadrons."

This section is responsible for assembling, inventorying, inspecting, and transporting the munitions to each combat squadron for issue.

Munitions receives an invoice from the aviation stock reporting section, which orders the munitions from the station weapons storage area.

"Basically we are accountants who requisition, receive, issue and track ordnance for all the



the nose of the F/A-18A,B and C.

squadrons on base," said Sgt. Leah Jarona, ASRS clerk. "Our job is to facilitate the combat squadrons requirements for munitions."

Although each shop has a distinct mission, they all pull together to supply squadrons with necessary munitions and equipment needed to accomplish their mission.

Together they ensure bomb racks will release their load, guns are operational, and have the rounds they need. Ordnance Marines may never see results of their work up close, but without ordnance, fighter aircraft would just be an expensive ride.

LESSON from Page 2

Even though political involvement by active duty personnel is restricted, we most definitely have an equal right to participate by voting for our candidate(s). As I mentioned earlier, I believe it's not only our right, but our obligation and duty as citizens to include our say in who (local, state and federal) will represent our ideals and us.

As we watch the present election events unfold, I'm sure most of us (at least me) just shake our head at all that is taking place to select our next president. I wonder how many of us are asking ourselves, "What if I would have voted (especially if you're from Florida)? Would my one vote have made a difference?"

I suspect this current presidential election will actually be good for our country once all the smoke clears. This election has put a lot of teeth into the saying, "Every vote counts." And hope-

fully every individual, military or civilian, that did not vote this time (feeling their single vote won't make a difference), will have a different view in future elections.

Less than 50 percent of those Americans eligible to vote did so this year. The sad fact is that this is about normal for every federal election. I think that's a real shame seeing that we are supposed to be the greatest democracy in the world.

These elections are where we "little guys," get to decide who will be our nation's leaders by casting our vote. As I said, less than half the eligible voters thought it wasn't important enough to participate in selecting our next president. Yet, it's usually that same 50 percent who didn't vote who are the first to chime in, complaining about how "bad" the elected leadership is that won.

One important point that I haven't heard mentioned by the many lawyers and "political experts" is that if this were happening in numerous other coun-

tries, they might be settling things with bloodshed instead of by due process. I'm glad to know our democratic system is in good working order!

As wild as all of these legal "procedures" seem to me, I must admit that through it all, I've learned a lot about our political and judicial systems.

Also I always thought that little piece of paper that you punch out in a voting ballot was simply called trash! Man, was I mistaken! Like most of you, I learned that it's a chad.

I now know that those not smart enough to follow simple voting instructions, and indicate their choice for president by completely punching out the chad may still get their vote counted by a complete stranger. If that happens, I guess the actual voters cross their fingers and hope that the counter guesses correctly how they meant to vote.

Even though we may be getting impatient and frustrated over what's happening, I still have no

problem with any of it. I realize there's a lot at stake for both these presidential candidates and for our nation.

It's easy for all of us to sit back and "arm-chair quarterback" what's going on. However, I wonder if any of us (were we one of those candidates) would say, "Uncle," and concede when the difference between votes was only a few hundred out of millions?

I also wonder if every military member, who is a Florida resident, had exercised their right to vote, would the voting totals more clearly show a winner?

Like most Marines, I have a preference between the two presidential candidates as to who I want as my commander in chief, but just talking about it though doesn't count. This year's federal election has made it clear that we have to vote to make it happen.

Just remember when you vote next time, make sure you are familiar with those tricky little chads.

Motorcycle clubs rev Toys for Tots

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson Torii Teller Staff

A deep rumble, black leather, torn jeans, rough looks and iron horses are synonymous with motorcycle clubs, but strap a teddy bear on the handlebars of a Harley Davidson and you've really got something to look at.

It wasn't the latest trend in biker wear, and they haven't lost their toughness, it was all part of the second annual Toys for Tots motorcycle run Sunday at the Hornets Nest.

Sunday marked the official kickoff of the Toys for Tots drive aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. Aside from the Marines in dress blues waiting to collect toys, there were 53 motorcycles carrying something special for a child -- a toy.

"There were all kinds of people

"There were all kinds of people there who enjoy riding and doing things with the community," said Mike Gingles, assistant telephone officer. "The toys they brought will go to Japanese orphanages."

Several Japanese motorcycle groups participated, some of which drove more than three hours to drop off a toy.

The single Marine Program took over the Toys for Tots program three years ago and has been more successful each year.

"We had enough toys for eight orphanages last year and we still had toys left over," said Jay Stovall, single Marine program coordinator. "This year it's even bigger. It's becoming a real base wide event."

Individuals who want to give do not have to ride up on a motorcycle to donate a toy. Drop boxes are located in every major headquarters building across the station. Marines in dress blues have also volunteered to stand in front of the exchange and commissary to collect toys.

"If I stand outside and collect one toy all day, it was worth it," said Lance Cpl. Bryan Gerber, Toys for Tots head coordinator. "I can give that to an orphan and he can have a good Christmas."

As of Sunday there were more than 400 toys collected and the goal of 500 should be well surpassed by the end of the drive on Dec. 23.

According to Gerber, toys should be new and unwrapped and cost between 2\$ and \$15. There are already plenty of toys for older children so individuals are asked to buy toddler toys for ages 1-3.

"The reaction we got last year from the children was that they were unbelievably happy," Gerber said. "It made their Christmas."

For more information on toy drop off or how to volunteer call Gerber at 253-4610.

photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Sergeant Chris Turner, squadron operations maintenance division tool room non commissioned officer-in-charge, aids in the collection of toys Sunday, during the official kick off of the Toys for Tots drive.

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Santa landed aboard the air station shortly after 8 p.m., for a pre-Christmas visit with all the girls and boys. He did not arrive on his sleigh, but instead hitched a ride in a military police car. Santa stepped out of the car and into a sea of ecstatic children who screamed with joy for the

jolly man in red.

"My favorite part was when Santa came," said Anna Hashman, M.C. Perry sixth grader. "A lot of my friends think it's immature to be so excited about that, but I just have so much fun getting into the feeling of Christmas."

The feeling of Christmas was in the air as soon as the lights were lit. Each year the Festival of

Lights shows the holiday season is upon us, and although we are far from family and friends, it is still a special time of year for all people to enjoy.

"The significance of the Festival of Lights is it helps Americans so far from home feel like they are at home," Perkins said. "Being overseas doesn't stop Christmas."

PREPARE from Page 2

Command Element, worked together previously, but COMPTUEX marked the first time the units operated from the sea.

The exercise was an opportunity for Marines to familiarize themselves with living aboard ship, conducting ship to shore operations, and MSE roles during missions like the HAO, according to Cottrell.

The HAO brought together Marines from A Company, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; R Battery, 5th Bn., 11th Marine Regiment; MEU Service Support Group 11; and several communications and intelligence specialists from the MEU Command Element.

The HAO force also called for helicopter support from HMM-268 (reinforced).

"It was hectic," said Sgt. Armand Rupert, Command Element. "Initially, there were communication problems. The (role players) hit us with a lot of unexpected stuff, but we tightened up at the end."

The training scenario involved Arabic speaking residents of the Punjar village who contracted dysentery and cholera from the local water supply. The HAO team arrived to provide medical assistance, food, and water but faced interference from an opposing force.

A group of terrorists infiltrated the village determined to undermine the MEU's humanitarian efforts. Several terrorists posed as villagers to incite riots and thwart the HAO mission.

Intelligence specialists quickly identified the mayor and his assistant, and requested their support to identify members of the terrorist group. Security patrols at the humanitarian site produced suspects, and interrogator translators took measures to isolate and interview those believed to be terrorists.

As a result of interrogation efforts, Marines learned about possible

minefields, arrested other terrorist personnel and were able to provide a secure environment for the HAO force.

"This HAO was organized and went very well," Sgt. Brian Williams, platoon sergeant, Motor Transportation Plt., Transportation Support Detachment, MSSG-11, said. "The way it was done put the villagers at ease."

While the Security Element kept threats at bay, the Health Services and Transportation Support Detachments processed malnourished and ailing villagers.

Williams manned a processing station where villagers were issued color-coded wristbands for identification. The colors were used to separate males and females and identify married individuals and parents, according to Williams. The HAO team categorized people with similar needs to streamline the humanitarian process.

"It's hard to keep track of patients

when you don't speak the language," explained Navy Hospitalman Andrew Firmalino, HSD, MSSG-11. "Arm bands were used to separate the people into groups, and we used translators to investigate their illnesses."

A group of 40 role players were on hand during the exercise, but the team was prepared for three times that amount. The villagers were treated quickly and the integration of units was a success, according to Cottrell.

The training event ended when the MSSG-11 Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Stanley J. Jozwiak addressed a formation of Marines from the HAO team.

"You've done a good job during the HAO," he said. "Now start thinking about (upcoming workups). We may be called on to perform all kinds of Humanitarian missions (in the future). Think through what we need to do, and what we don't need to do." Page 6 December







LEFT: By giving the carts an extra push, drivers can reach a higher rate of speed befor track from the pits. ABOVE: As two carts quickly approach the final lap, drivers fight f before making the final turn.

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tires, and the sound of revving engines, the carts blasted onto the track as onlookers cheered.

Yanai Sport Land, located about 30 minutes from the air station, lets riders get behind the wheel of high-powered go-carts and take to the track for a day of action-packed fun.

It is a full service facility, offering rentals, sales, repairs of new and used carts and accessories for everyone who feels the need for speed. Yanai Sport Land also offers a remote control racetrack for enthusiasts to enjoy.

According to Hashimoto Yoji, Yanai Sport Land owner, the carts hit top speeds of more than 60 miles an hour, and the lightweight chassis and racing tires give a very responsive performance.

Before leaving the pits, everyone receives a quick period of instruction, "This is the gas, this is the brake, whatever happens don't let go of the steering wheel," said Yoji.

"It's a great way to relieve stress and get your adrenaline pumping. Once people put the helmet on, it seems like their whole character changes," he said.

Many of the first-time riders had a look of amazement as they entered the track and flew around the first corner.

"These carts are fast," said Addam Baker, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron postal clerk. "I heard they were quick, but I was really surprised when I hit the gas."

Like a miniature Indianapolis 500, the carts hugged each turn and fought their way into position, screaming down the track with lightning fast speeds.

"It was a challenging course," said Petty Officer 3rd class Eric Woodin, H&HS maintenance technician. "I spun out a few times, but eventually learned where I needed to be to take the turns."

As their ride ended and the officials gave the signal for the final lap, the drivers pushed their carts to the limit, before pulling back into the pits.

With a twist here and a crank there, many racers made a few final adjustments to their cart engines, before the beginning of the next

race, giving them that extra edge needed to outperform their rivals.

"This place is way better than any arcade," said Yoji. "It will definitely get your heart pumping."

To get to Yanai Sport

Land, make a left at four corners and follow Route 188 for about ten minutes. Make a right at Noudou Street (there is a large sign advertising a golf course and hotel). Stay on the road for about eight kilometers. Eventually there will be a tall white sign with blue writing on the right hand side of the road. Make a left at the intersection and follow the signs, Yanai Sport Land will be on the left.

It is open every day except Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Riders must be at least 12 years old and are required to wear long sleeve shirts, pants and sneakers. It cost 1,600 Yen for seven laps around the track, and all safety equipment is provided. For more information, call 0820-26-0555.

"I had a blast today," said Baker. "It's been a long time since I drove go-carts, and these were great! I would definitely recommend it to others."



photos by Cpl. Ryan O'Hare

Many of the privately owned racing carts contain a small computer attached to the steering wheel. This helps the driver keep track of their time and speed during races.



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Between races, drivers can make adjustments to their engines. These adjustments can give racers the extra edge needed to take the checkered flag.

AFN TV Channel 11

Friday

- 12:35 ESPNews
- 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn:

To Catch A Thief (TV-PG)

- Movies 'til Dawn: The Bad News Bears (TV-PG)
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 ESPNews
- 6:00 Today
- 8:00 Today II
- 9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)
- 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
- 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
- 12:00 NBC Nightly News
- 12:35 Judge Judy
- 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
- 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
- 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14) 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
- 3:30 Disney's The Little Mermaid
- 4:00 Moesha (TV-PG)
- 4.30 Clueless
- 5:00 Jeopardy!
- 5:30 Headline News
- 6:00 Pacific Report
- 6:33 CNN/SI
- 7:00 Futurama (TV-PG)
- 7:30 The Hughleys (TV-PG)
- 8:00 Star Trek: Voyager (TV-PG)
- 9:00 Law and Order (TV-14)
- 10:00 Pacific Report
- 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Saturday

- 12:35 ESPNews
- 1:00 Movies Till Dawn: The Hunt for Red October
- 3:30 Movies Till Dawn: The Naked Gun (TV-PG)
- 5:00
- 7:00 Franklin (TV-Y)
- 7:30 Between the Lions (TV-Y)
- 8:00 Disney's Recess (TV-G)
- 8:30 Rocket Power (TV-Y)
- 9:00 Pokemon
- 9:30 In The Mix
- 10:00 Discover Magazine
- 11:00 Hometime (TV-PG)
- 11:30 California's Gold
- 12:00 NBC Nightly News
- 12:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 1:00 Sports (TD)
- 4:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
- 5:00 Entertainers
- 6:00 Headline News
- 6:30 ESPNews
- 7:00 Stargate SG-1 (TV-PG)
- 8:00 Once And Again (TV-PG)

Sakura Theater

Friday
12:30 p.m. Home Alone 3
7 p.m. How the Grinch Stole ...

Saturday 4 p.m. How the Grinch Stole ...

Sunday 4 p.m. How the Grinch Stole ...

10 p.m. Bedazzled

7 p.m. Bedazzled 10 p.m. The Contender

7 p.m. The Contender

<u>Wednesday</u> 7 p.m. The Contender **Thursday**

<u>Tuesday</u>

7 p.m. How the Grinch Stole ...

Monday 7 p.m. Bedazzled

Closed

9:00 20/20

- 10:00 Headline News
- 10:30 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)

Sunday

- 12:00 It's Showtime at the Apollo (TV-PG)
- 1:00 Friday Night (TV-14)
- 2:00 Friday Night Fights (ESPN2)
- 4:30 ESPNews
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 Hour of Power
- 6:00 Celebration of Victory
- 6:30 Precepts for Life
- 7:00 Christopher Closeup
- 7:30 1-Cubed
- 8:00 Headline News
- 8:30 Army News Watch
- 9:00 NCAA Basketball: Texas v.s. South Florida
- 11:00 CNN/SI
- 12:00 Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood
- 12:30 Happily Ever After
- 1:00 Family Movie:
- Alley Cats Strike (TV-G)
- 3:00 Wild Things (TV-PG)
- 4:00 AFN Special: Incredible Animal Rescues 2
- 5:00 Computer Chronicles
- 5:30 Wall Street Journal Report
- 6:00 Headline News
- 6:30 ESPNews
- 7:00 7th Heaven (TV-G)
- 8:00 Primetime Movie:
 - Crime of Passion (TV-PG)
- 10:00 Seinfeld (TV-14)
- 10:30 The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)
- 11:00 Meet The Press

Monday

- 12:00 America's Black Forum
- 12:30 Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)
- 1:30 ESPNews
- 2:00 NFL Today (CBS)
- 3:00 NFL (FOX) Teams TBD
- 6:00 NFL (FOX) Teams TBD
- 9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)
- 10:00 Little Bear
- 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
- 12:00 Headline News
- 12:30 Judge Judy (TV-PG)
- 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
- 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
- 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
- 3:05 Disney's PB&J Otter (TV-Y)
- 3:30 Disney's Pepper Ann 4:00 Bill Nye The Science Guy
- 4:30 Cousin Skeeter (TV-Y)
- 5:00 Jeonardy! 5:30 Headline News
- 6:00 Pacific Report

- 6:33 CNN/SI
- 7:00 60 Minutes
- 8:00 Touched By An Angel (TV-PG)
- 9:00 The West Wing (TV-14)
- 10:00 Pacific Report
- 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Tuesday

- 12:35 ESPNews 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn:
 - The Left Hand of God (TV-PG)
- Movies 'til Dawn: Rosemary's Baby (TV-PG)
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 ESPNews
- 6:00 Today
- 8:00 Today II
- 9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)
- 10:00 Barney and Friends
- 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
- 12:00 NBC Nightly News
- 12:30 Judge Judy (TV-PG) 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
- 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
- 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
- 3:05 Hey! Arnold (TV-Y) 3:30 Beakman's World (TV-Y7)
- 4:00 Nick News
- 4:30 Scholastic Sports America (TV-G) 5:00 Jeopardy!
- 5:30 Headline News
- 6:00 Pacific Report
- 6:33 NFL Monday Night Football Bills at Colts
- 10:00 Pacific Report
- 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Wednesday

- 12:35 ESPNews
- 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn:
- Planes, Trains and Automobiles Movies 'til Dawn:
- Kindergarten Cop (TV-PG)
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 ESPNews
- 6:00 Today
- 8:00 Today II
- 9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y) 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
- 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14) 12:00 NBC Nightly News
- 12:30 Judge Judy (TV-PG)
- 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
- 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-PG)
- 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14) 3:05 Disney's Jungle Cubs
- 3:30 Brand Spanking New Doug

- 4:00 The Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files
- 4:30 Saved By The Bell: The New Class (YV-G)
- 5:00 Jeopardy!
- 5:30 Headline News
- 6:00 Pacific Report 6:33 CNN/SI
- 7:00 Moesha (TV-PG)
- 7:30 Malcolm In The Middle (TV-PG) 8:00 Beverly Hills 90210
- 9:00 Buffy The Vampire Slayer (TV-14)
- 10:00 Pacific Report
- 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Thursday

- 12:35 ESPNews
- 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: The Untouchables (TV-PG)
- 3:15 Movies 'til Dawn: Some Kind of Wonderful (TV-PG)
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 ESPNews
- 6:00 Today
- 8:00 Today II 9:00 Sesame Street (TV-Y)
- 10:00 Barney & Friends 10:30 Wheel Of Fortune
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
- 12:00 NBC Nightly News 12:30 Judge Judy (TV-PG)
- 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
- 1:25 Guiding Light 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
- 3:05 Rugrats 3:30 Arthur (TV-Y)
- 4:00 Pokemon (TV-Y) 4:30 Max Steel (TV-Y7)
- 5:00 Jeopardy! 5:30 Headline News
- 6:00 Pacific Report
- 6:33 CNN/SI 7:00 Dharma and Greg (TV-14)
- 7:30 The Parkers (TV-PG) 8:00 Will And Grace (TV-14)
- 8:30 Spin City (TV-PG) 9:00 City Of Angels (TV-14)
- 10:00 Pacific Report
- 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Friday

- 12:35 ESPNews

3:05 Movies 'til Dawn:

1:05 Movies 'til Dawn: The Conversation (TV-PG)

Pretty in Pink (TV-PG)

Find additional TV schedules and sports teams names at www.iwakuni.usmc.mil.

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai: Dec. 9 - end of January What Lies Beneath*-11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m.

New Central I: Dec. 9-15 "Vertical Limit" - 10:50 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:20 p.m., 10:40 p.m.

New Central II: Dec. 9-15
"The Exorcist: Director's Cut" 10 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m.,
(Sat. only) 9 p.m.
"Charlie's Angels" - 12:30 p.m.,
4:45 p.m.

New Central III:

Dec. 9-10
"Dinosaur" - 9:20 a.m., 11 a.m.,
12:40 p.m., 2:20 p.m., 4 p.m.
Dec. 11-15
"Dinosaur" - 11 a.m., 12:40 p.m.,
2:20 p.m., 4 p.m.

The Contender (R)

Rated R for strong sexual content and language. (130 minutes)

When the Vice President of the United States dies suddenly, Senator Hanson is chosen to be the Vice Presidential replacement. Dogged with opposition from both parties, Hanson is challenged to prove that she is a strong enough politician to handle the job's responsibilities However, during the confirmation process, the fierce congressman Runyon (Gary Oldman) digs up secret information about her past personal life that sparks a huge political controversy.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG) Rated PG for some crude humor. (105 minutes) This live-action adaptation of the famous Christmas tale by Dr. Seuss casts comedian Jim

Claus and burglarizes every house in a village on Christmas Eve becomes a holiday comedy. Bedazzled (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for sex-related humor, language and some drug content. (93 minutes)

A fiery romantic comedy in which a bored and boring computer programmer (Ben Fraser) who is in love with a woman in his office makes a deal with the devil in order to get his dreamgirl. The devil (Elizabeth Hurley) does her best to torture this poor soul, giving him seven wishes, each of which in some way goes astray.

Carrey in the title role. Add great special effects and fast-moving script and this well-loved story of a freakish green monster living in a mountainside cave who disguises himself as Santa

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Classified Ads

- -1988 Honda Prelude, 2-door, automatic transmission, sun roof, 4-wheel steering, power windows and side mirrors, AM/FM, CD player, navy blue, good condition, JCI till Oct. 2001, \$800/obo. Call Staff Sgt. Williams at 253-6021 dwh or 253-2416 awh.
- -1990 Honda Prelude, 2-door, automatic transmission, sun roof, 4-wheel steering, power windows and side mirrors, A/C, AM/FM cassette, JCI till August 2001, \$1,200. Call S. Thompson at 253-6228.
- -1994 Nissan Bluebird, 4-door, automatic transmission, AC, power windows and locks, AM/FM cassette, CD player, fog lights, JCI till March 2001, \$1,700. Call Paul at 253-6853 dwh or 31-8441 awh.

Other items for sale

- -Graco open top, battery operated, baby swing, \$40; wooden cradle/bassinet, \$50; Graco toddler bed with mattress, \$60; motorized Barbie car, \$80; Sit-N-Stand stroller, \$75, Snap-N-Go stroller for portable baby car seat, \$40; unused Mary Kay products. Call Charlotte Kerch at 253-2926.
- -New battery for car, bought from Hobby Shop on Nov. 19, couldn't return. It will replace batteries 46B24R, 50B24R, and 55B24R. Paid \$115, will sell for \$100/obo. Call Charlotte Kerch at 253-2926.

MCCS Job Listing

(The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel:)

- Storeworker Foreman, Main Exchange, NS-02, regular full time.
- -Design-Project Assistant, MCCS Design, NF-02, regular full time.
- Receptionist, Information Technology, NF-01, not to exceed one year, flexible.
- -Special Order Technician, Main Complex, NF-03, regular full time.
- -Aquatics Program/Lifeguard Supervisor, Aquatics, NF-03, regular full time.
- -Library Aid, Library, NF-01, regular full time.
- -Senior Sales Associate, Main Complex, NF-02, regular full time.
- -Retail Ops Assistant, Auto Mini Mart, NF-02, regular part time and flexible.
- Warehouse Foreman, Warehouse, NS-04, regular
- -Recreation Ops Assistant, Teen Center, NF-02, regular full time.
- -Waiter/Waitress, Club Iwakuni, NA-03, regular full time and flexible.
- -Sales Associate/Cashier, Sound Shop, NF-01, regular full time.
- -Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Exchange, NF-01,

regular full time and flexible.

- -Sales Associate/Cashier, S/S 7 Day Store, NF-01, regular part time.
- -Store Worker, Main Exchange, NA-02, regular full time and flexible.
- -Sales Associate/Cashier, Auto Mini Mart, NF-01, regular full time, part time and flexible
- -Car Rental/Service Station Attendant, Service Station, NF-01, regular full time.
- -Program Assistant, Child Development Center, CC-1, regular full time and flexible.
- -Recreation Assistant, NF-02, regular full time and
- -Recreation Attendant, NF-01, regular part time and flexible Pick up a job application in the MCCS Personnel

Office, Crossroads Mall 2F, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 7:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. or call 253-3030.

HRO Job Openings

(Human Resources Office is currently accepting applications for the following positions:)

- -Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-9/11, open until filled.
- -Meatcutter Leader, WL-7407-07, open until filled.
- -Personnel Management Specialist, GS-201-05, open until Dec. 18.
- Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor(s), open until filled.
- -Mechanical Engineer, GS-0830-12, open until filled
- -Child Development Center Director, GS-1701-09, open until filled.
- -Child Development Education Specialist, GS-1701-07, open until filled.
- -Interdisciplinary (Psychologist/Social Worker), GS-018X-11, open until filled.
- -Training Analyst (NAF), GS-1702-09, open until
- -Victim Advocate, GS-101-09, open until filled.
- -Cable Splicer Supervisor (Communication), WS-2504-07, open until filled.
- -Safety and Occupational Health Specialist, GS-018-11, open until filled.

To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit

"OK Marines, I'll take the hit on the land navigation, but the red-nosed reindeer and elves should have told you

this wasn't the cold weather M.O.U.T Facility!"

The 🕻 Verdict

Non judicial punishment:

A corporal was awarded NJP for violation of the UCMJ Article 92, failure to obey order or regulation, for underage alcohol consumption. He was awarded a reduction to lance corporal, forfeiture of \$630 pay per month for two months, 30 days restriction and 30 days extra duty.

What's cooking at the Messhalls ...

Lunch: Roast Pork, Baked Trout Fillet

Dinner: Yankee Post Roast, Tempura Fried Fish

Saturday

Dinner Brunch: Grilled Tenderloin Steak, Barbecued Chicken

<u>Sunday</u>

Dinner Brunch: Chinese Five-Spice Chicken, Roast Beef

Monday

Lunch: Sukiyaki, Sweet and Sour Pork Dinner: Roast Turkey, Veal Parmesan

Lunch: Herbed Baked Fish, Turkey Pot Pie Dinner: Meat Loaf, Breaded Pork Steaks

<u>Wednesday</u>

Lunch: Swiss Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Pineapple Chicken Dinner: Baked Stuffed Pork Chops, Swedish Meatballs

Thursday



Lunch: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Pizza, Lasagna Dinner: Pepper Steak, Roast

Turkey



Today

Saturday

Sunday



Tide Table

	<u>Low tide</u>		<u>High tide</u>	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Dec. 8	12:56 a.m.	2.51	7:17 a.m.	9.03
	1:14 p.m.	3.52	7:17 p.m.	9.51
Dec. 9	1:38 a.m.	1.42	8:05 a.m.	10.01
	2:02 p.m.	3.12	7:59 p.m.	9.80
Dec. 10	2:20 a.m.	.42	8:48 a.m.	10.86
	2:51 p.m.	2.84	8:42 p.m.	10.00
Dec. 11	3:03 a.m.	-0.37	9:30 a.m.	11.48
	3:33 p.m.	2.72	9:24 p.m.	10.07
Dec. 12	3:45 a.m.	-0.90	10:12 a.m.	11.82
	4:15 p.m.	2.74	10:06 p.m.	10.02
Dec. 13	4:27 a.m.	-1.10	11:00 a.m.	11.86
	4:57 p.m.	2.89	10:48 p.m.	9.85
Dec. 14	5:09 a.m.	-0.95	11:42 a.m.	11.61
	5:45 p.m.	3.14	5:45 p.m.	9.53



Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

Dec. 11 - Armed Forces Classification Test

Dec. 13 - Act Examination

Dec. 14 - Scholastic Assessment Tests

Testing begins at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sign up 15 minutes prior. There is a fee for civilian personnel but not for service members. For more information call 253-3855.

Total Quality Training Opportunities

Total Quality classes offered:

Dec. 11-15 - Methods for Managing Quality

Dec. 18-20 - Four Roles of Leadership

Jan. 8-12 - Systems Approach to Process Improvement

Anyone is welcome to sign up and take the classes. There is no fee for students. Call 253-4719 or e-mail schnoorm@iwakuni.usmc.mil. Sign up today.



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions

December's Tobacco Cessation Courses are cancelled, the next course will be Jan. 17, 19, 24 and 26. Cholesterol, nutrition and hypertension counseling will also be on an individual basis by calling the Branch Medical Clinic at 253-3266.

Child Development

For concerns about your child's development, contact the Early Childhood Office at 253-4562, for children up to 3 years old, EDIS and M.C. Perry School at 253-3447, for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Officers' and Spouses club Scholarship

Pick up an application for the Officers' and Spouses Club Dependent Scholarships for both winter and spring sessions at the Education Office, Building 411, Room 101. Deadline for submission is Dec. 15. For more information contact Linda Elliott on e-mail at elliott@ymg. urban.ne.jp.

Toastmasters Meeting

The next Toastmasters meeting will be held Dec. 15 at 11:45 a.m. Toastmasters meet the first Thursday of the month at 6:45-8:15 p.m., and the third Friday at 11:45 a.m. -1 p.m. at the MCAS Iwakuni Chapel Annex. It provides an excellent

opportunity to learn and practice proper public speaking methods in a low key, supportive environment. Although the meeting is conducted in English, many Japanese attend in order to improve their English. Everyone is welcome. For more information call BM2 Murphy at 253- 3746, or Ms. Takeuchi at 0829-36-0252.

Christmas Concert "Messiah"

Hiroshima Jogakuin College will hold a Christmas Concert, "Messiah" Dec. 23 at Phoenix Hall in Hiroshima International Conference Hall (in Peace Memorial Park). The event is free. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and concert will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 082-228-0386.

Marine Corps Community Services

Extended Shopping

The Marine Corps Exchange has extended shopping hours until 9 p.m., Fridays through Dec. 22. Customers are reminded to redeem Santa Bucks now through Dec. 24.

Coloring Contest

The library will hold a coloring contest for children up to 18 years old. For more information come to the library, third floor of the Community Services Building. The contest will end Dec. 17.

Interpreters Needed

The Personal Services Division Intervention and Treatment Branch's Counseling Center needs volunteer interpreters for Japanese-speaking clients who are not fluent in English. Call 253-6962 to volunteer.

Canopy Construction

Construction on a canopy for the SNCO Club entrance is under way. There will be some inconvenience to patrons during the construction, as some parking lots will be used for maintenance. The management asks patrons to please watch their step when entering the club.

Murder Mystery

The JENS Murder Mystery Contest runs weekdays through Dec. 15. The contest allows listeners age 18 and older to win prizes by calling the radio station when they hear the Murder Mystery jingle and when they find "evidence" leading to solving the mystery. Call 253-5284.

Infant Care Class

The Marine New Parent Support Program will hold a class for new and expectant parents Monday, 12:30-4 p.m.

Teen Snow Dance

Tickets will be for sale Wednesday at the Teen Center for a holiday dance Dec. 17. Teens age 13-18 may attend.

Stress Management

Stress Management Class will be held Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 115. Call 253-3737.

TAMP/TAP Briefing

This pre-separation brief and job search semi-

nar will be held Tuesday through Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 217. Military personnel within 180 days of separating and their family members are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register, service members should contact their career planner.

Anger Management

Learn to manage your anger at this seminar, Dec. 19, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Community Services Building, Room 115. Call 253-3737.

Federal Employment Workshop

Job seekers are encouraged to attend this workshop Dec. 20, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 216. Call 253-6439.

Basic Resume Workshop

Job seekers are welcome at this workshop Dec. 21, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 216. Call 253-6439 for details.

Christmas Day Events

MCCS offers the following Christmas Day events:

- The Marine Lounge holds a free buffet starting at noon. Open to all service members and all other MCCS patrons and guests age 18 and up. The Marine Lounge is located on the second floor of Crossroads Mall.
- Club Iwakuni holds an all-you-can-eat buffet from noon until 5 p.m. Open to all ranks, the buffet will be served in the ballroom.
- The Hornet's Nest invites all single and unaccompanied service members to enjoy finger food starting at 2 p.m.



Beginning Sunday, all Worship Services will be in the Marine Memorial Center or Chapel Annex.

Chapel News

(1) Chapel Annex (2) Marine Memorial Center

Roman Catholic

5:30 p.m. 9 a.m.	Mass Mass	(2) (2)
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9:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist	(1)
10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. noon	Church of Christ General Service United Pentecost Service	(2)
	9 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	9 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 10 a.m. Church of Christ 10:30 a.m. General Service united Pentecosts Service

			Service	(2)
	Latter Day Sai	nts		
:	Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Service	(1)
	Jewish			
	Friday	6 p.m.	Shabat	(2)
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For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the station Chapel at 253-5218. For information on Jewish services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the station Chapel.

Sports Briefs

Harlem Ambassadors

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team will come to the air station Sunday for a show in the Main Gym at 3 p.m. There is a fee. Call 253-4605.

Basketball Registration

Registration for Youth Basketball is open until Dec. 15. Players age 5-14 may participate. Register weekdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Main Gym. There is a fee. Call 253-3239.

Skills Test

Youth Basketball participants age 10-12 should attend skills testing Dec. 16, 9 a.m. in the Main Gym. For more information call 253-3239.

Wrestling Tournament

Athletics will hold a wrestling tournament Dec. 16 and 17 in the Main Gym. Status of

Forces Agreement personnel age 16 and older may participate. There is a mandatory weighin Dec. 8. Call 253-5777 for details.

Christmas Ham Tournament

Torii Pines Golf Course will hold a Christmas Ham Tournament Dec. 17, 7:30 a.m. The deadline to enter is Dec. 14, 9 a.m. There is a fee. Call 253-3402.

Jingle Bell Jog

Semper Fit will hold a Jingle Bell Jog 5-kilometer run Dec. 23, 9 a.m. on the seawall behind the Main Gym. Open to all ages, the event is co-hosted by the Substance Abuse Counseling Center and D.A.R.E. in honor of Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Awareness Month. Special prizes will be awarded, and participants are not allowed any timing devices. Call 253-5051 for details.

The Scoreboard

Basketball

<u>Dec. 4</u>

MAG-12 defeated Crash Crew, 61-53 Sun-Downers defeated the Seahawks, 48-24

Dragons defeated the Comm Dawgs, 71-32

Volleyball

Dec. 4

MAG-12 defeated the 30-Blazers, 25-12, 25-18

MAG-12 defeated MALS-12, 25-11,



Medical defeated MALS-12, 25-21, 25-22 Medical defeated

the Riggers, 25-18, 25-21

Marine still carries lessons learned 45 years ago

by Sgt. Michael Wiener Media Relations Chief

Even before Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, existed, Marines and Sailors have fostered special relationships with their Japanese

Forty five years ago, Pfc. Everett Beach arrived at then Iwakuni, Naval Air Station, Japan. Recreation options were limited at the time, but the lack of choices led Beach down an unforgettable road

"There were trips to Hong Kong, which I could not afford to go on," Beach recalled. "I was looking for something more than nightly trips to the 'Strip.' This left the weight room and judo team."

The 6-foot, 5-inch tall, 165 pound 19-year-old Marine opted for judo. It was then that Beach met Minehiko Nakano, accountant by day and judo instructor by night. Five nights a week, four hours a night, Beach met the seventh degree judo instructor, studied and trained in the art of judo. The air station judo team traveled to local meets, always led by their instructor, Nakano.

However, the relationship between Beach and Nakano extended beyond the boundaries of the doio.

"Nakano was unpretentious, demanding in excellence, but considerate in dealing with a 19year-old in a foreign country, trying to learn the ways of a different culture," recalled Beach. "Many times he would invite me to his home for a meal and to socialize with his family. Nakano took the time and patience to teach me the Japanese culture."

For eight months, Beach studied and learned the art of judo, moving through the three degrees of Brown belt. Shortly before his departure, he was approached by Nakano.

"Nakano asked me if I wanted to take the test for Shodan — first degree black belt," said Beach. "I enthusiastically replied in the affirmative."

Attaining Shodan wouldn't be as easy as his previous levels of advancement. It required accommodation by the Kodokan, judo headquarters in Tokyo, where he would receive his black belt. Upon receiving permission, travel arrangements were made for the trip north.

After arriving in Tokyo, Beach met the Kodokan officials. Immediately the testing began.

"I remember it as if it were yesterday. I was given a verbal test on my knowledge of Japanese culture, but since Nakano had prepared me well, I had no problem with that."

He then had to demonstrate a fixed number of forms. After receiving satisfactory approval, the toughest part of the qualification



photo courtesy of Everett Beach

Everett Beach and Minehiko Nakano stand together in the base gym, 45 years ago.

began. Beach had to win two of three competitions against other judo students.

"They were tough in the fact that they were competing for Shodan ranking as well. I won the first match using a stomach throw, but then lost the second match," Beach said. "The third match was do or die for me — I won by using a foot sweep.

"Passing the Shodan test ranked one grade below outposting at Parris Island. This was an accomplishment for me," Beach said

Nakano met Beach upon his return to Iwakuni with "that infamous smile."

"He was highly respected by the Kodokan, and it reflected greatly on his stature, that he was able to produce a Shodan out of an awkward foreigner."

Beach left Japan shortly after his trial in Tokyo. Though he has since stopped practicing the art of judo, the year he spent in Japan and attaining the rank of Shodan still affect his life today.

"Judo gave me a better appreciation for what I can do as an individual," Beach said. "I have never forgotten what Nakano did for me in exposing me to a different culture and the beauty of his people and their lifestyles."

Don't flounder around, go catch one!

by Gunnery Sgt. John Olmstead Press Chief

It's cold outside and fishing season is over, right? Wrong! In Japan, saltwater fishing is a year round sport. Although it may take a hardcore fisherman to brave the elements during winter, many types of fish can still be caught.

"In Iwakuni and surrounding areas, December through January marks the season for flounder fishing," said Kouji Osaki, a 10-year local fishing veteran and fishing store employee in Tsuzu. "Although other types can be caught, flounder are relatively easy to catch and are tasty seafood."

Flounder are flat, both eyes in adults are on the "up" side of the head, and the pigmentation of the upper side of the body can be varied to match the surrounding environment.

These seemingly two-dimensional creatures are normally found where the ocean bottom is made up of sand and small rocks.

"Anglers can identify these areas by looking at the shore — if the beach has sand and small rocks, the best bet is the ocean bottom composition is the same," said Osaki

Fishermen don't need to spend a pretty penny to catch these fish either. A surf rod between 12-15 feet long, and a reel, filled with medium sized line such as 14-17 pound test, can get you started.

Flounder can be caught in many various ways and with different bait. Here is one local popular way to catch them.

The terminal tackle needed consists of a weight, leader and hook.

There are two types of weights sold at local fishing stores, that help reduce snagging on the ocean floor. The first is called a jet tempin, which is a bullet shaped weight, that moves freely on a straight heavy wire.

The second is called a kaisou. This weight has two wires leading to the weight, one ties to the main line and the second ties to the leader.

The hook is the final piece of the gear. Based on the type of bait used, determines what hook to use. Luckily, pre-rigged leader and hooks are sold.

"For flounder, use a number 12, pre-rigged, double hook rig," said Osaki

Flounder love to eat worms

 not your regular garden variety though. These worms can be bought at most Japanese fishing stores. They look like small millipedes with retractable pinchers.

Each worm is threaded onto the hook, through its mouth, until it covers the hook shank and it's ready to go.

"When using the slip sinker rig, cast your bait and let it sit on the bottom for a couple of minutes," said Osaki. "If you don't detect a pickup, lift the rod tip and let it sit again."

According to Osaki, the best catches are made during an incoming tide. Before heading out, it is important to check the tide table to coincide with your fishing.

"A couple of good places to fish are Koujiro Port, approximately 20 minutes from MCAS Iwakuni on Route 188," said Osaki, "and Obatake Port, located on the left side of the road, just past the Oshima Bridge."

Whether you're on your own or with your family, fishing in Japan can be both a relaxing and enjoyable time.

So, don't just flounder around, go catch one!

Attach either a kaisou (left on diagram) or jet tempin weight to your main line. Then clip the swivel from the pre-rigged

hooks to the weight.



Pre-rigged, double-hooked leaders are sold at local fishing stores.

1.) Pinch the worms head to open

it's mouth. 2.) Insert the hook into its mouth and thread it on to the hook.

3.) Removing the worms head makes this task a bit easier. 4.) Cut the worms body to make the bait smaller.